

Washington Loan & Trust Co.
West End Branch (Riggs National
Bank 17th & G Sts. Branch)
SW corner 17th & G Sts., NW
Washington
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-344

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PHOTOGRAPHS

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL DATA

Reduced Copies of Measured Drawings

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, DC 20240

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Washington Loan & Trust Co. West End Branch		HABS NO. DC-344
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Riggs National Bank 17th & G Sts. Branch		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) SW corner 17th & G Sts., NW		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1923-24 (per building permit)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Arthur B. Heaton, architect (per building permit)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Built as West End Branch for Washington Loan & Trust Co., which was founded in 1889 and which built its main bank at 9th & F Sts., NW, in 1890. When Washington Loan & Trust was absorbed by Riggs National Bank in 1954, this served as branch bank for Riggs until 1965.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Italian Renaissance Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Sandstone ashlar		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 75' x 59', see measured drawings		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Facade has three arched openings outlined by heavy rope molding, carved animal figures, masks and heads decorate cornice, architraves and medallions.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Marble counters and pilasters, elaborate ceiling medallion and cornice, mezzanine level has pilasters and medallions on walls.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Demolished 1974		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) See Historic Report "The Riggs Bank" (Max O. Urbahn Associates Inc., 1976) included as field records with this documentation. See also "The Winder Building and Its Environment," (OAHP, NPS, 1974) included as field records with the Winder Building (HABS No. DC-392).		
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